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January 22, 2003

The Honorable Greg Nickels
Mayor, City of Seattle
600 Fifth Avenue
12th Floor
Seattle, WA 98104

Attn: Regina Labelle

Dear Mayor Nickels,

I am writing in support of Gary Zarker's reconfirmation as Superintendent of Seattle City Light.

I am the director of the Renewable Northwest Project (RNP). RNP is a regional advocacy organization promoting the implementation of solar, wind and geothermal resources in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana. We work with public and private utilities as well as elected officials at all levels of government to promote policies and programs that will advance renewable resources.

I have worked with Seattle City Light on strategic resource planning issues, on clean energy policy initiatives, and on Seattle's purchase of wind power over the last eight years. I also served with Gary Zarker for a year on the Northwest Governors' Comprehensive Review of the Northwest Energy System. Throughout an entire year, with over a hundred meetings, I found Gary to be a constructive participant and honest negotiator with a healthy respect for the big picture.

Seattle City Light's actions on conservation and renewable energy during Gary's tenure have distinguished it as a clean energy leader in the region and in the country. We believe that the utility's recent purchase of wind energy will help diversify SCL's energy portfolio, help keep rates stable (due to the absence of fuel), benefit the state's environment and economy, and set a positive example for others in the region to follow. Taking the time and care to understand how to integrate these resources into the city's electricity system is having a positive effect on the region. We look forward to working with Gary to enhance and strengthen SCL's commitment to future renewable energy activities.

I urge you to reconfirm Gary Zarker as Superintendent of Seattle City Light.

Sincerely,



J. Rachel Shimshak
Director



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